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*Governor, Captain-General and Commander in Chief, in and over the State of New-Jersey and the Territories thereto belonging, Chancellor and Ordinary in the same.*

## PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS the President of the United States of America has been pleased to transmit to me, in order to be published and made known in this State, his Proclamation, bearing Date the third Day of October Instant, recommending to the People of the United States, a Day of publick Thanksgiving and Prayer, which is in the Words following, to wit,

Whereas it is the Duty of all Nations to acknowledge the Providence of Almighty God, to obey his Will, to be grateful for his Benefits, and humbly to implore his Protection and Favour: And whereas both Houses of Congress have, by their joint Committee, requested me to recommend to the People of the United States, a Day of publick Thanksgiving and Prayer, to be observed by acknowledging with grateful Hearts the many and signal Favours of Almighty God, especially by affording them an Opportunity peaceably to establish a Form of Government for their Safety and Happiness.

NOW THEREFORE, I do recommend and assign THURSDAY the twenty-sixth of NOVEMBER next, to be devoted by the People of these States, to the Service of that great and glorious Being, who is the beneficent Author of all the Good that was, that is, or that will be: That we may then all unite in rendering unto him our sincere and humble Thanks for his kind Care and Protection of the People of this Country previous to their becoming a Nation;—for the signal and manifold Mercies, and the favourable Interpositions of his Providence in the Course and Conclusion of the late War;—for the great Degree of Tranquillity, Union and Plenty, which we have since enjoyed;—for the peaceable and rational Manner in which we have been enabled to establish Constitutions of Government for our Safety and Happiness, and particularly the national one now lately instituted;—for the civil and religious Liberty with which we are blessed, and the Means we have of acquiring and diffusing useful Knowledge;—and in general, for all the great and various Favours which he hath been pleased to confer upon us.

AND ALSO, That we may then unite in most humbly offering our Prayers and Supplications to the great Lord and Ruler of Nations, and beseech him to pardon our national and other Transgressions;—to enable us all, whether in publick or private Stations, to perform our several and relative Duties properly and punctually; to render our national Government a Blessing to all the People, by constantly being a Government of wise, just and constitutional Laws, discreetly and faithfully executed and obeyed;—to protect and guide all Sovereigns and Nations, (especially such as have shown Kindness unto us) and to bless them with good Government, Peace and Concord;—to promote the Knowledge and Practice of true Religion and Virtue, and the Increase of Science among them and us;—and generally to grant unto all Mankind such a Degree of temporal Prosperity as he alone knows to be best. As by the said Proclamation Reference thereunto being had may appear.

I have therefore thought fit, by and with the Advice and Consent of the honourable the Privy-Council, to recommend the said twenty-sixth Day of November next, to be set apart and observed as a Day of publick Thanksgiving and Prayer, pursuant to the said Proclamation, whereof all the Inhabitants of this State are required to take Notice and govern themselves accordingly—And I do hereby recommend it to the Ministers of the Gospel of every Denomination in this State to perform Divine Service; and to the People committed to their Charge to attend publick Worship on that Day, and to abstain thereon from all servile Labour and Recreation inconsistent with the Solemnity of the Festival.

*Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms, in Perth-Amboy, the twenty-sixth Day of October, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty-nine.*

WIL. LIVINGSTON.

BY HIS EXCELLENCY'S COMMAND,  
BOWES REED, Secretary.

GOD SAVE THE PEOPLE.